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My term expires April 25, 1905.

WORLD'S-1904-FAIR

CELEBRATE EVERYWHERE.

Mr. J. F. Marshall writes from Champaign, Ill., urging that a movement be inaugurated for a celebration of the Louisiana Purchase anniversary throughout the Union, Mr. Marshall's view is that the Purchase treaty ranks in importance only second to the Declaration of Independence among the epochs in the history of the United States; and that patriotism demands a celebration in every city and town the country over. Certainly St. Louis warmly approves his recom-

mendation. But if St. Louis were not closely interested and if there were no Exposition, the truth of his argument would be none the less apparent. It is only speculation to say what the story of

this great nation would have been if the region west of the Mississippi had been obstinately retained by France or Spain. We may suppose that in one way or another the United States would have acquired the territory as a necessity of its safety. But that way might have been through blood and might have hampered the progress of the people and overthrown their democratic freedom.

In any aspect the Purchase treaty was one of the prognant deeds which made the nation what it is after a century of existence. It would be an evidence of both enlightenment and patriotism if in every town next April there should be special exercises in celebration of the signing of the treaty. The superb pageant at St. Louis will include the high officials of the United States Government, representatives of the States and diplomats from foreign countries. But the children of America should directly participate in exercises whch will bring to their minds the significance of the memorable event.

CHILDREN'S PLAYGROUNDS.

Small parks and children's playgrounds are no nger luxuries. Circumstances and conditions have nade them necessities in large cities and especially in thickly populated districts. The prosperous, or ore fortunate, majority of humankind owe to the children of the poor, as a duty, the establishment of pleasure grounds, so that the lives of these boys and girls may be raised above mere existence and that they may have more of the joy and less of the sorrow of living.

Children of the well-to-do may not long for small parks, and playgrounds in the vicinities of their omes. They do not need these amusement grounds: about their homes are lawns' large enough for outof-door sport and indoors they have playrooms. What advantages these children may require can be and nually are provided by their parents.

But there is in every large city a class of chiliren, many of whom belong to highly respectable, hough poor, families, that cannot indulge in the orlinary romping of childhood unless the means of enevment are furnished either by the municipality, by richer people, or by well-disposed associations, like he Civic Improvement League. For these hapless hildren the days that should be merry and care-free the sweetest days of life-are dried with monotony at must leave barrenness on soul, heart and mind.

How much more ennobling are pretty park areas id animated playgrounds than are the black innd ambition. These surroundings cannot fail to the best possible service to the State. ave a potent effect on the soul; they cannot fail to tard moral and mental growth.

nd manhood its energy. .

Carnest support should be given by the city and of signal importance. all citizens to the Civic Improvement League in

particularly to the children of the poor who live in tall office buildings.

FIGHTING THE PRESIDENT. President Roosevelt now finds the strongest ele-

ment in his party bitterly opposed to reciprocity in Dingley tariff are fighting fiercely to prevent the ratification of the Cuban treaty.

determined upon the fulfillment of our pledge to Cuba. he must accept the political consequences, which will be of the utmost gravity as affecting his own public career. He will incur the hostility of the dominant wing of the Republican organization. This means a repudiation of his right of party leadership and a presidency next year.

It was inevitable that this crisis should have been of reduction of tariff duties, and although he advocated reciprocity with great earnestness during the closing days of his life, the protectionist element is resolved that the tariff shall not be disturbed. The Cuban reciprocity treaty is now being opposed on the sole ground that it means a disturbance of the tariff. Washington dispatches state that the fight now on is a fight to the finish-even carrying the question to the Supreme Court for settlement, if need be, on the contention that the treaty-making power of the Senate does not give it the right to disturb revenue bills.

Will President Roosevelt have the courage to stand firm against the protectionists, insisting upon fair play for Cuba? The answer to this question is of the utmost importance. The President is reported to have declared that he will call an extra session of the Senate of the Fifty-eighth Congress unless the body now in session ratifies the Cuban freaty. His Republican opponents, it is announced, will not even accept the Senate's favorable action on the treaty, but will carry the matter into the Supreme Court. A decidedly serious party division is indicated by these conditions. Mr. Roosevelt seems to have reached a point where the courage and steadfastness with which he is credited are to be put to the test.

HONEST DEALING.

The unscating of Congressman Butler is a prerogative within the scope of the all-potent House of Representatives. The House is not exceeding its technical authority in recognizing Mr. Wagoner as the Representative of the Twelfth District of Missouri, Congress has the right to determine who shall and who shall not be admitted to membership.

But it is very questionable whether the House acts wisely in seating the defeated candidate, though he may be personally more agreeable and politically more sympathetic.

On grounds of personal merit no defense can be made for Butler except by his friends, and that constitutes the weakest point of his case. However, there is no doubt that he was duly elected, the report of the Congressional Committee to the contrary notwithstanding. Conditions in the Twelfth District are so intricately interwoven to the advantage of the professional political element in both parties that, under existing circumstances, Congress would not be justified, especially after excluding numerous precinct returns from the count, in declaring Wagoner elected, when he is no more entitled to the seat than any other defeated candidate in Missouri.

Congress would serve public interests better and the Republican majority in Congress would do more good for its party by acknowledging that an alliance as existed in this district among certain men o both parties for rendering such help to each other as the devious ways of ward politics might suggest. If affairs were more propitious for Republican success certain Democratic forces would aid Republican friends; if victory seemed favorable to the Democrats certain Republican forces had assistance for amicable opponents.

Such a body as Congress should, it appears, take everything into consideration and not run the risk of complicating conditions that were already intolerable. It is a mistake to seat Wagoner, and particularly on premises as untenable as those prepared and submitted by the Investigating committee

The committee excluded numerous precinct re turns from the count, thus taking 9,000 votes from Butler and 2,000 from Wagoner. This looks as if the committee had created an excuse in order to recognize Wagoner. If the committee's intentions were all that they should be, it would apparently recommend that Butler be rejected and the seat be declared vacant. Then the matter would rest with the people of the Twelfth District, Wagoner was not elected; therefore, he should not be permitted to serve as Representative. Butler is not desired in the House; therefore, the House has the right to discredit his claims.

Political conditions in the Twelfth District will not be improved until the respectable voters unite to eradicate the influence of the gangsters who work together and share success in common. There is a clique in this district which exercises power in two domains. Instead of seating Wagoner the Republicans would do better in admitting this truth and helping to bring about a change. The Republicans were as much to blame as the Democrats for whatever political crime and trickery prevailed."

One feature of the election bill pending at Jeffer son City will materially aid in preventing crime and making combinations unprofitable. It is the provision making service as judges and clerks compulsory With good polling-place officials malpractices would cease in the several downtown precincts where the allied gang is strong. But the respectable citizens must fight the alliance and help in enforcement of the law. That the alliance exists is generally known The thing to do is to break it. This cannot be done by seating a candidate who was not elected. Congress should, if it unseats Butler, stop with declaring the seat vacant. Redress will follow then for the reputable people of the district.

MAKE VETOING UNNECESSARY.

While Governor Dockery's message of warning against legislative extravagance may be resented by those members of the General Assembly who hoped dors of overcrowded houses and the sullen alleys to secure the passage of certain appropriation bills tenements. Children reared in poverty and not included in the regular measure, it should call tony surely will begin their careers minus hope to his support all legislators desirous of rendering

The assistance of this element is necessary to prevent the divergence of State revenues into sectional Next to churches and good schools and proper and selfish channels at the expense of Missouri's es the impressionable mind of the child needs eleemosynary institutions. A majority of the Gennothing more for elevation of morals, development eral Assembly should stand firm in the determinacharacter and formation of sane temperament than tion that there shall be no scaling down of the all parks and playgrounds. Certain innocent amounts already appropriated for the maintenance of ents-the more diversified the better-are es- these institutions, each one of which is in need of all tial. Without them childhood loses its pleasure the money that is available under the estimate of State revenues for the ensuing year. This is a duty

True, the veto power vested in the Governor may, his attention.

is worthy of success. St. Louis has not kept pace such action is forced. That body may, with much with other large cities in this work; but it is not too credit to itself, prove to the people of Missouri that late to begin. And no time is better than the present ithe State's interests are safe in its hands. The deto fulfill the obligation which we owe to the young- feat of objectionable appropriation bills will convince the people of this fact. On the other hand, the pasthe downtown district, among the factories and the sage of such bills would cause the consequent veto action of the Governor to take the form of an indictment of the General Assembly for failure in the performance of its duty. Legislators could not get away from this logic of the situation.

Nor could they justify their course. There will any shape. The believers in the inviolability of the be no excuse for robbing the State's electrosymmy institutions of the financial support which is necessary to their welfare. The State's good name is The situation thus created is politically interesting. pledged to the generous maintenance of these insti-The truth becomes apparent that, if the President is tutions. The reputation of Missouri would suffer grievously through nonfulfillment of this pleage. Faithful members of the General Assembly will see to it that such injury is not inflicted,

There is a final answer to the hasty assertion of Steffens about the "shamelessness" of St. Louis formidable movement to prevent his nomination to the Doctor Lyman Abbott, editor of the periodical which makes a special study of corruption in government, said that St. Louis would win higher honor with its developed. Although Mr. McKinley himself was wise crusade against boodle than with its World's Fair, enough to see that the time had come for some form H Doctor Abbott, who feels deeply and examines closely and is scrupulous about any concession to moral lukewarmness, can express that opinion St. Lovis needs not to bother over Mr. Steffens, who cares for nothing except to write an article.

> The constitutional amendment to permit the use of vote-recording machines is necessary. If machines are used in some of the downtown wards-inanimate, not human, machines-some malpractices will be prevented. These machines might be manip clated, but the opportunity would be lacking, as a rule. They could not be corrupted. Furthermore they would not be under suspicion, as some judges and clerks were.

> The Hungarian Government has interposed to prevent the wholesale emigration of poor, young girls to the United States. This affords an excellent opportunity to try the reciprocity doctrine. Washington might with advantage prohibit the emigration of American heiresses to European castles, especially when accompanied by fortune-seeking noblemen of some title, no wealth and considerable debt. ---

> A reliable, quick method to earn \$100, and have that much at the end of a year, is to put \$2 in a savings bank or trust company every week for fifty weeks. It is also a good method to insure peace of mind and conscience. This advice is not given to help the banks but to turn the eye of people to something wiser than turf investments,

Addicks, having temporarily withdrawn from the Delaware senatorial contest, would find an excellent tield for his kind of polities in Hondaras, which is without a President and engaged in war endeavoring to seat the President elect. Addicks could purchase the place for a tenth of what he has spent in Dela-

One day we hear that John W. Gates is about to retire from active business, and the next day we are told that he is projecting a great electric system to cost \$70,000,000. The hinges of some gates permit of a pretty wide swing.

If the passage of the Littlefield make-believe antitrust bill is the best that a Republican majority in Congress can accomplish for the people, the latter must make a sweeping change in its legislative servants to obtain any relief from monopoly oppression.

One great trouble about all these get-rich-quick schemes is that the percentage is so strongly in favor of the dealer as to give the other fellow only the melancholy privilege of kissing his money good-by he plays it into the game.

If Mexico can stand the prosperity of Kratz and Carroll this city can. Both gentlemen departed because the Circuit Attorney got the impression that they were too fortunate here.

The Kaiser probably has abiding faith also in a large navy, a big standing army and powerful cannon. At least that must be the Venezuelan view of his religion.

RECENT COMMENT.

Poverty of Oxford University. Harper's Weekly.

It is no secret-it is not even news-that the University of Oxford feels very poor. A book has lately been issue setting forth its pressing needs, to which the London Times has called attention. The Rhodes scholarships, in stead of helping it, have increased its burdens. Its great library, the Bodleian, is cramped for room, both for and readers, and has not funds enough to buy the books needed to keep it abreast of the times. Its deficiencies are so serious that the Oxford Board of Modern History reports that the scientific study of European history cannot at present be prosecuted at Oxford. In science its wants are manifold. It lacks equipment for the study of metallurgy, its instruction in geology is wofully inade quate, it needs a mechanical laboratory, with instructors, buildings, and machines; it has no engineering depart pays to physics. Something seems to be wrong with the relations of England to Oxford. Perhaps the trouble is that the old university has been so long regarded as rich man's university, and as a source of income and maintenance to fortunate fellows, that the British public is slow to realize that the venerable nurse of learning her self needs to be fed.

The Manufacturing West.

The Independent. A transformation in the development of the West little realized by the nation at large, yet of important bearing, is taking place. The agricultural era, which succeeded that of the ranch and hunting ground, is giving way to a period in which manufacturing plays a noteworthy part. The prosperity of the past half decade has brought about an attempt to rival the older States in the processes of craftsmanship. The Westerner has traveled and has seen in nearly every little town a factory; he has een the surplus labor employed in making things-and he has gone home and sought to establish an industry of ome sort in his own town. He has succeeded better than is commonly supposed.

The recent census shows that in what may be called "Western" States there are 25,287 manufacturing establishments, with an aggregate capital of \$3,447,587,249, and an annual product of \$5,252,311,029. In New England, the home of the manufacturing industry, there were only about one-fourth as many establishments as in the West, less than half the capital invested, and an annual product of only two-fifths that of the West

A Perplexed "Culturino." The Household

President Roosevelt is a faithful student of the Scripures. Bunyan is one of his favorite authors. One day a celebrated woman novelist come to him and said, "Tell me, Mr. President, what character in fiction comes nearest your ideal of what a man ought to

"Greatheart," promptly replied the ready man. "He is in my estimation, the finest figure of a man that can be "I'm afraid I'm not so well-informed in modern fiction as I thought I was," she said, timidly.

"Oh," she said hurriedly, "one of the old pagan h of course, whom I have forgotten. Where shall I find

"In the 'Delectable Mountains,' " said the President, turning to other guests who were patiently waiting for

its campaign for the establishment of more small be exercised to head off a raid on the State Treasury. ROBBINS-GUNDELFINGER WEDDING-**ENTERTAINMENTS AND RECEPTIONS**



Photograph by Goldsmith. MISS KATHERINE GUNDELFINGER. Who will be married this afternoon to Alexander H. Robbins.

Mts. Katherine Gandellinger of No. 397 Forest Park boulevard, will be married this afternoon to Alexander H. Robbins at the home of the bride's mother.

The Reverend J. C. Morris, pastor of the Cook Avenue Methodist Church, will officiate. The wedding will be witnessed by only relatives and intimate friends. MISS KATIE LANG ENTERTAINS.

Miss Katie Long of No. 2455 Keokuk street entertained members of the M. M. C. Club. The prize winners were the Misses Emelia Ulbricht, first; Jetta Mulligan, secand; Bersle Conroy, third. Among those

Emelia Ulbricht, Nettie Nieman, Bertha Canaries, Julia Conroy, Jetta Mulligan, Mary Canaries, Julia Nieman, Canaries, Birdie Muff,

MARDI GRAS PARTY. The Lorraine Club was entertained at the home of Miss Pearl George, No. 637 Spen-cer place, with a Mardi Gras party. All the members had been requested to come musked. After masks were taken off, supper was served. Those present were:

Blanche Dzengo-Pina Merrell, lewski, Edith George, Maude Leon. Pearl George. Horace L. Benson, George Rosborough, Richard George, Edgar Stoble. Andrey Popham, Claude Steel,

SILVER WEDDING ANNIVERSARY. Mr. and Mrs. Władyshaus Pilinski of No. 1315 North Twentieth street, celebrated the twenty-fifth anniversary of their wedding Friday. At 8 o'clock in the morning the Reverend Father Stanowski, paster of the Polish Catholic Church, blessed the couple. In the evening they entertained a number of friends to celebrate the event

WERLEY-KNIERIM MARRIAGE. Miss Christine Werley, daughter of Mrs Mary Werley of No. 6801 South Broadway was married last evening to Edward John Knierim, son of Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Knierim. The ceremony was performed by the Reverend E. Bleitreu at the German Evan-gelical Church, Michigan and Koeln avenues. The bride wore a gown of Paris muslin, made en traine, and carried a shower bou-quet of roses and illies of the valley. Miss Mclinda Kumpf attended the bride as maid of honor and Miss Ida Werley as brides-

maid.
August Knierim, the bridegroom's brother, acted as best man. Gus Habenstreit was the bridegroomsman and Edward Baker and The wedding was followed by a reception. In the receiving party were Mrs. Werley Mr. and Mrs. Knierim, Mr. and Mrs. J.

Kumpf, Mr. and Mrs. Fuchs, Mr. and Mrs. John Russell, Miss Annie Werley and George and William Werley AFTERNOON AT CARDS.

Mrs. W. McCarthy entertained at cards Saturday afternoon at her home. No. 4589 Garfield avenue, the event being the seven-teenth anniversary of her wedding. Prizes were awarded to Mesdames Glass, Levy, Friend and Kline, Mrs. McCarthy was assisted in receiving by Mrs. Gotshaw Lipp-

Miss Katherine Gundelfinger, daughter of playing, music was furnished by Mrs. Rectnitzer, Miss McCarthy, Mrs. Klein and Mrs. Shenke. The guests were: Mesdames—

Levy. Rozenbaum. Lippmann, Bamburger. Waushauer. Hirschfeld, Kleinburg, Gotshaw, Glass, Shenke, Brill. Rectnitzer, Friend,

MR. AND MRS. KLINE ENTERTAIN. Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Kline entertained Mon-day evening at Anchor Hall to commem orate the first anniversary of their wed-ding. The hall was decorated with palms and flowers of the national colors. The guests were:

Messieurs and Mesdames E. J. Cooper, E. . E. J. Kerber, J. E. Shepherd, S. P. Fenwick, B. A. Trapp. J. T. Berger, W. J. Hinds, J. Phillips, Florence Wycoff, Flossie Little, Jessie King, Agnes Kiine, Gretta Lawson, Sis Hopkins, Helen Reynolds, Jessie Lynn, Elsa Doerr, Messleurs—
H. Dunham,
J. Raeburn,
J. 8. O'Donnell,
George Kline,
P. Trader,

MISS CARDWELL'S EUCHRE. Miss Mary Cardwell entertained Sunda; evening with a supper and enchre at he home, No. 3311 Salena street. Harry Evan won the gentlemen's prize, and Miss Ger trude Cardwell won the ladies' prize. Th

Tom McDermott, Sam O'Brien, Harry Evans, Frank O'Keefe, Jack Eagan, Jim McCann, Joseph Kelly, Will Cardwell, Ben Fath. Sadie McKenna, May Cardwell, Ada Sorty, Gertrude Cardwell. Mary O'Keefe, May Arnold, Alice Cardwell.

BIRTHDAY PARTY. Mrs. A. Blerman entertained Tuesday evening at her home on North Market evening at her home on North Markel street in honor of her birthday anniversary. Music selections were rendered by Harry and Fred Gaus and Miss Della Osterwich

The guests were: Messleurs and Mesdames William Krisinhaum Henry Meyer, William Goessling, Thomas Kilian, Henry Gaus, William Osterwich, Stephen Krieinbaum,

Anna Krieinbaum, Lulu Kilian, Della Osterwich, Anna Bunk. Elnora Goessling, Mary Bellman, Messleurs—
Harry Gaus,
Fred Gaus,
W. Osterwich,
Arthur Goessling,
L. Rap, A. Bretscher,

L. Heini, C. Neidringhaus, L. Menken, G. Beck. MISS MEESSMANN SURPRISED. A surprise party was tendered to Mis Anna Meessmann of No. 1622 Wash street Saturday evening in commemoration of he seventeenth birthday anniversary. T evening was spent in the enjoyment

Anna Schulte, Emma Kam

games and music. The guests were: huite, Anna Rink, Kampmein- Lydia Schulte, Olinda Meessmann, ert.
Lillie Kanmpmein Anna Meessmann,
1sabella Story,

POEMS WORTH KNOWING.

TO A WATERFOWL

BY WILLIAM CULLEN BRYANT.

In some versions of this poem the third line of the second stanza reads, "As darkly painted on



Teaches thy way along that pathless

At that far height, the cold, thin at-

Yet stoop not, weary, to the welcome land.

Seek'st thou the plashy brink

On the chafed ocean-side?

There is a Power whose care

The desert and illimitable air-

mosphere;

Lone wandering, but not lost.

HITHER, 'midst falling dew, While glow the heavens with the last steps of day. Far through their rosy depths, dost thou Thy solltary way?

Vainly the fowler's eye Might mark thy distant flight to do thee As, darkly seen against the crimson sky, Thy figure floats along.

And soon that toil shall end: Of weedy lake, or marge of river wide, Soon shalt thou find a summer home Or where the rocking billows rise and sink and rest. And scream among thy fellows; reeds

Soon o'er thy sheltered nest. Thou'rt gone, the abyss of heaven Hath swallowed up thy form; yet, on my heart Deeply bath sunk the lesson thou hast And shall not soon depart:

He who, from zone to zone,
Guides through the boundless sky thy
certain flight,
In the long way that I must tread alone,
Will lead my steps aright.



F. S. Saeger. William Kniep. Wm. Kampmeinert, John Rink. Aug. Bergfeld,

Gertrude Rohde Herman Puls, Arnold Saxer. Fred W. Brand.

WEBSTER GROVES. The fancy-dress ball Tuesday evening in printy given in Webster this season. The hall decorations were done under the direc-tion of Mrs. F. S. Piant. Scarfs of red drap. ing led from a central ring in the done to all parts of the room. These were inter-there I with scores of large Japanese linterns, and all the electric lights were shad-ed with various colors. Schoen's orchestra of twelve pieces played for the dancing and a special car was run for the St. Louis 12 12 4 15 Ear.

costumes most admired were worn

The eastimes most namired were worn by Mrs. J. V. McCarthy and Mrs. W. S. Walker, Jr. The former was of white tarbatan, the latter of black, decorated with every variety of sticker in bright colors. Murfs, handkerehlefs and jaunty hats of the decorated tarlatum corresponding with the gownr, which were decollete and short served. Other costumes were those of Mes-Served. Other costumes were those of Mes-dancer A. R. Dencon, popples; E. R. Krae-ner, music; Allen McKinnie, forget-me-nor; H. V. Johnson, queen of hearts; Kent Jaryls, colonial dame; Charles Lewis, Red Riding Hood: Sylvester Annon, Bon Sliene rose; A G. Hillman, Japanese; Robert McCormicl Adams, Spanish lady; Marshall Baker, Sal he in our Alley; Richard Ghiselin, Sister of Charley; D. Jannopoulo, Greek lady; J. H. McKeighan, night; F. S. Plant, Dolly Madison; R. H. Payne, old-fashioned girl; E. C. Ranss, grandmother's wedding gown; E. J. Spencer, Spanish lady; Sanford Avis, Dolly Varden; C. W. Ferguson, queen of folly; J. W. Donaldson, old-fashloned lady: B. J.
Contad gypsy: H. R. Shepardson, zypsy: A.
C. Tuttle, evening dress: C. L. Martin, colondal dame; W. D. Biggers, old-fashloned
costume; Misses Gussle and Katherine marles, ball dress and bridesmuid's gown of idriy years ago; Annie Bell and Hazel Ho-gan, evening dress; Edna Siddy, Kate Treenaway; Katherine Kendrick, Margutite; Jennie Hodgmun, French court lady; Esther Waison, red bearis on black tarlaten; Moulton, night; Amy Hyde and May Mills, dalsies; Nathalle Adams, June rose, Viola Hunt, June; Harriet Dream, the "Girl From Dixie"; Lucille McCullis, Sixteenth Century lady; Ellen Boynton, Sventearth Century Unit; Halen Skin, Sixteenth Century addy; Edlen Boynton, Seventeenth Century tollet; Helen Skinner, Spanish duenna; Virginia Adams, aut.mn; Katherine Liddy, Fee Fee; Abbie Campbell, Japanese; Mamie Slaughter, spring; Allee Slaughter, dawn. Webster men were Messrs E R. Kroeger, courtier of Charles II's time; H. S. Walker, Jr., Mexican, J. S. Donte, Physican J. S. Diant, Physican Level Physican Physican Level Physican Physic con; J. S. Dowler, Russian; F. S. Plant, oreador; A. R. Deacon, violet court cos-ume; James Dawson, George Washington; Slenn Hutchinson, Turk; Allen McKinnie, Orlando; B. J. Canard, gypsy; Will Mage-han, Pierrot; J. W. Donaldson, Rough Rider; H. R. Shepardson, gypsy; Sanford Avis, pink brocaded courtler's costume; T. C. Young, the same in white brocade; P. J. Seltzer, country gentleman's riding costume; Jack Guret, toreador; Richard Ghiselin, military; C. P. Hutchimson, Tyrolean; H. V. Johnson, master of arts; E. J. Spencer, Lieutenant Colonel; Sylvester Annan monk; Howard Carter, Brian Boru; Annan, monk; Howard Carter, Brian Boru;
Jasse Skimmer, toreador; Cecil Lewis, Little
Boy Blue; Kent Jarvis, Venezuelan gentleman; C. W. Ferguson, cavaller of Charles
Il's reign; C. L. Martin, Turk; E. C. Rauss,
cook. From St. Louis there were Mines.
Albert Lumbert, Spanish girl; Henry Caulfield, flower sirl; Will Ellot French maid; field, flower girl; Will Ellot, French maid; Gus M. Brown, Japanese; Fred Lehmann, Spanish; Misses Eugenia Parker, daisy girl; Edna Strampke, flower girl; Daisy Nipher. Dolly Varden; Edith Morrill, flower girl; Messrs. Harry Sprague, automobile chaus-seur; Clarence Gaper, Mephistopheles; Al-len Clarke, Lieutenant; Albert Lambert, Mexican; Tom Hamilton, dude; Arthur Hudson, courtier; Henry Caulfield, courtier; Sears Lehmann, handsome court costune; Lawrence Ewald, waiter; J. S. Little. Rough Rider: George M. Brown, Chinese Mandarin; Gabriel Neville, Prince; M. A. Johnson, courtier.
Miss O'Connor of Boston and Miss French of Chicago, as a French waitress, were among the guests.

NOTES AND PERSONAL MENTION.

At the Columbian Club this evening an informal dance is to be given. Only the very youngest of the club members will take part.

AFTER NATIONAL CONVENTION. Business Men's League Confident of Securing It in 1904.

It is believed that the Republican Na-tional Convention will be held at St. Louis in 1994. The Business Men's League has been agitating the matter for more than eight months, and officears of the organi-zation are confident that their efforts will be successful.

be successful.

Letters have been sent to each member of the National Republican Committee. So far not an unfavorable reply has been received. Perry S. Heath, secretary of the committee is expected to visit St. Louis shortly. During his stay he will be shown over the city and an especial effort will be made to interest him in the movement.

Next summer a delegation will be sent to see Senator Hanna, chairman of the National Committee, in the interests of St. Louis.

Kansas Senate Passes Monument Bill. REPUBLIC SPECIAL. Topeka, Kas., Feb. 25.—Senator Miller's old-soldier-memorial-monument bill was passed by the Senate this morning. Under it a monument to cost \$200,000 is to be erected upon the Statehouse grounds at the

************** TWENTY-FIVE YEARS AGO TO-DAY IN ST. LOUIS.

From The Republic, February 27, 1878. Grace Ritchie, whose father, William F. Ritchie, and his wife were killed by a Missouri Pacific train in • St. Louis County, filed a suit for damages. Grace and her little sister. Dora, were in the family wagon wh the train ran over their parents, both children escaping with a few bruises. • William C. Jameson was appointed

administrator of the estate of James . Clemens, Jr., his sureties being John L. Ferguson, William F. Ferguson,
 R. Pulles, Edwin Harrison and Chas. . P. Chouteau. The estate was valued In a drill contest at the Masonie

Hall the Mayor's Guards, commanded Hall the Mayor's Gogston
 by Captain William Brice, won a flag presented by the Reverend • Father Doherty. Robert W. Goode responded for the company, The St. Louis Reform Club met at

No. 950 Broadway, W. D. Barnes presiding. Speeches were made by Ben Brown, Colonel Colcord, C. E. Page, were made by Ben . Samuel J. Wheeler and H. Clay Sex-· ton.

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 was confirmed by the City Council.
 Mrs. Louis J. Draper and other Mrs, Louis J. Draper and other ladies of South St. Louis presented a · petition to the Council to improve the street-car regulations.

John Le Grand, a St. Louis County farmer, was assaulted and robbed at Sixth and Pine streets. Thomas Meininger at the Germania

Club made a strike of forty-eight with one ball, playing nine pins. The score was considered remarkable. "A Celebrated Case" was presented Palmer's Union Square Theater Company at the Olympic. C. H. Thorne, Marie Wilkins, Walden

Ramsay and Fanny Morant were · principals in the cast. A concert was given at Mercantile · Library Hall for Miss Mary A. Ho-

The suit of J. Z. Blakeman vs. M. A. Rosenblatt to determine the rate of interest on delinquent tax bills was taken to the Court of Appeals. Henry Warwick of Sixth and M ket streets was robbed of a hand-

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